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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1985/86

WHEAT: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 505.2 million tons, down 1.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year's record harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

o Argentina

Production is estimated at 10.0 million tons, down 2.3 million or 19 percent from last month and down 24 percent from last year's bumper harvest. Heavy mid-November rains and flooding in major growing areas caused substantial damage and loss to wheat. In addition, above-normal precipitation in October and November contributed to widespread disease problems reducing yield potential. Dry weather is needed for harvest completion.

o East Europe

Production is estimated at 37.1 million tons, down 0.4 million or 1 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year's record harvest. The decline from last month is attributed to lower estimated production in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

o EC-10

Production is estimated at 66.8 million tons, down 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year's record crop. The drop in production resulted from a decline in estimated yield in the United Kingdom, which more than offset increases in estimated production in France, Italy, and Greece.

o South Africa

Production is estimated at 1.8 million tons, down 0.2 million or 9 percent from last month, and down 20 percent from last year's bumper harvest. Moisture stress reduced expected yields in the Orange Free State while head sprout affected the Cape crop.

o Canada

Production is estimated at 23.9 million tons, up 1.9 million or 9 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year's drought-reduced harvest. The increase from last month is attributed to revised yield estimates announced by the Canadian Government.

o Brazil

Production is estimated at a record 3.8 million tons, up 0.3 million or 9 percent from last month and 100 percent above last year's crop. The increase from last month is attributed to higher estimated area and yields. Only some areas in the state of Rio Grande do Sul remain to be harvested.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 845.0 million tons, up 0.9 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

o Canada

Production is estimated at 24.6 million tons, up 1.1 million or 5 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year's drought-reduced crop. The increase is attributed to higher estimated yields for barley, oats and corn. The revisions are based on a recent Canadian official crop release.

o Australia

Production is estimated at 8.4 million tons, up 0.6 million or 8 percent from last month but down less than 1 percent from last year. The increase is in barley (0.5 million tons) and oats (0.1 million tons). Higher yields are expected for both crops in all states as a result of timely, widespread rains that benefited late plantings. Greatest increases for barley are anticipated in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

o East Europe

Production is estimated at 66.7 million tons, up 0.4 million or less than one percent from last month, but down 9 percent from last year's record crop. Higher crop estimates in Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia more than offset a decline in Hungary.

o Other W. Europe

Production is estimated at 29.0 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year's harvest. The increase from last month is attributed to higher estimated corn production in Spain.

o EC-10

Production is estimated at 72.1 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from last year. Higher estimated corn and barley production in France more than offset estimated declines in the United Kingdom (barley), Italy, Greece, and Denmark.

o Brazil

Production is estimated at 21.1 million tons, down 1.0 million or 4 percent from last month and 6 percent from last year. The decrease is attributed to a 5-percent decline in estimated corn production due to dry conditions in major growing areas of the center-south.

o Argentina

Production is estimated at 18.3 million tons, down 0.6 million or 3 percent from last month and 4 percent below last year. Corn production is estimated at 11.8 million tons, 8 percent below last month's estimate and down 2 percent from last year's harvest. Heavy November rains and flooding have reduced the amount of land previously expected to be planted to corn. Sorghum production is estimated at 5.5 million tons, 10-percent above last month's estimate, but down 7 percent from last year's harvest. Some shift from corn to later-planted sorghum is expected.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 317.3 million tons, up 0.9 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year's record crop. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

o Thailand

Production is estimated at a record 13.0 million tons, up 0.7 million or 5 percent from last month, and 8 percent from last year's bumper harvest. Timely and well-spaced rains have boosted yield prospects for the main wet season crop now estimated at 11.5 million tons; the dry season crop is estimated at 1.5 million. Most of the increase was in the lower North and upper Central Plains.

o Republic of Korea

Production is estimated at 5.6 million tons, up 0.3 million or 5 percent from last month, but down less than 1 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher reported milling rates and lower-than-expected damage caused by wet weather in September and early October.

o Sri Lanka

Production is estimated at a record 1.8 million tons, up 0.2 million or 11 percent from last month, and 8 percent from last year's bumper harvest. An increase in estimated yield is due to favorable weather. The Yala crop is estimated at 0.6 million tons while the Maha harvest is estimated at 1.2 million.

- o Pakistan

Production is estimated at 3.2 million tons, down 0.2 million or 6 percent from last month, and 7 percent from last year. A shortage of canal irrigation water, particularly in Sind Province, resulted in late sowing for about 40 percent of the crop. Total planted area was reduced and yields have been adversely affected by moisture stress. Pest damage by the rice plant hopper was reported in the Punjab.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 196.7 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. U.S. production is estimated at 66.6 million tons, down slightly from last month, but up 12 percent from last year. Foreign production is estimated at a record 130.1 million tons, up 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year.

* Soybeans: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 98.8 million tons, up 0.4 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Important changes from last month are the following:

- o Argentina

Production is estimated at a record 7.3 million tons, up 0.3 million or 4 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Corn planting intentions are not expected to be met due to excessive rains and flooding in Buenos Aires province during November. Some of the land intended for corn cannot be planted this late and will likely be planted to soybeans.

- o Brazil

Production is estimated at 16.2 million tons, down 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Extended dry weather in the southern growing regions, particularly in Rio Grande do Sul, is significantly delaying planting. Optimal planting time has passed; however, if rains arrive, planting can continue through December.

* Cottonseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 31.3 million tons, down 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year.

* Peanuts: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a bumper crop of 19.7 million tons, down 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down marginally from last year.

* Sunflowerseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 18.5 million tons, up slightly from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

- * Rapeseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 18.6 million tons, up 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month and up 11 percent from last year. An important change from last month is the following:
 - o Canada Production is estimated at a near-record 3.4 million tons, up 0.2 million or 6 percent from last month and up less than 1 percent from last year. Production has been revised upward because of official Canadian statistics.
- * Flaxseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 2.5 million tons, down 0.1 million or 4 percent from last month, but up 13 percent from last year.
- * Copra: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 5.0 million tons, up slightly from last month and up 6 percent from last year.
- * Palm Kernels: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 2.3 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 6 percent from last year.
- * Palm Oil: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 7.5 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 9 percent from last year.

COTTON: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 81.1 million bales, down 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year's record crop. U.S. production is estimated at 13.8 million bales, down slightly from last month. Foreign production is estimated at 67.3 million bales, down 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year's record. Important changes from last month are the following:

- o USSR Production is estimated at 12.3 million bales, down 0.2 million or 2 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from last year. Snow has slowed cotton harvest in Uzbekistan, the largest producing republic.

o Brazil

Production is estimated at 3.0 million bales, down 0.2 million or 7 percent from last month and down 29 percent from last year. Dry weather in southern Brazil during July to November has reduced plantings. A large part of the southern crop had to be replanted during November and early December. Normally the crop is planted in September.

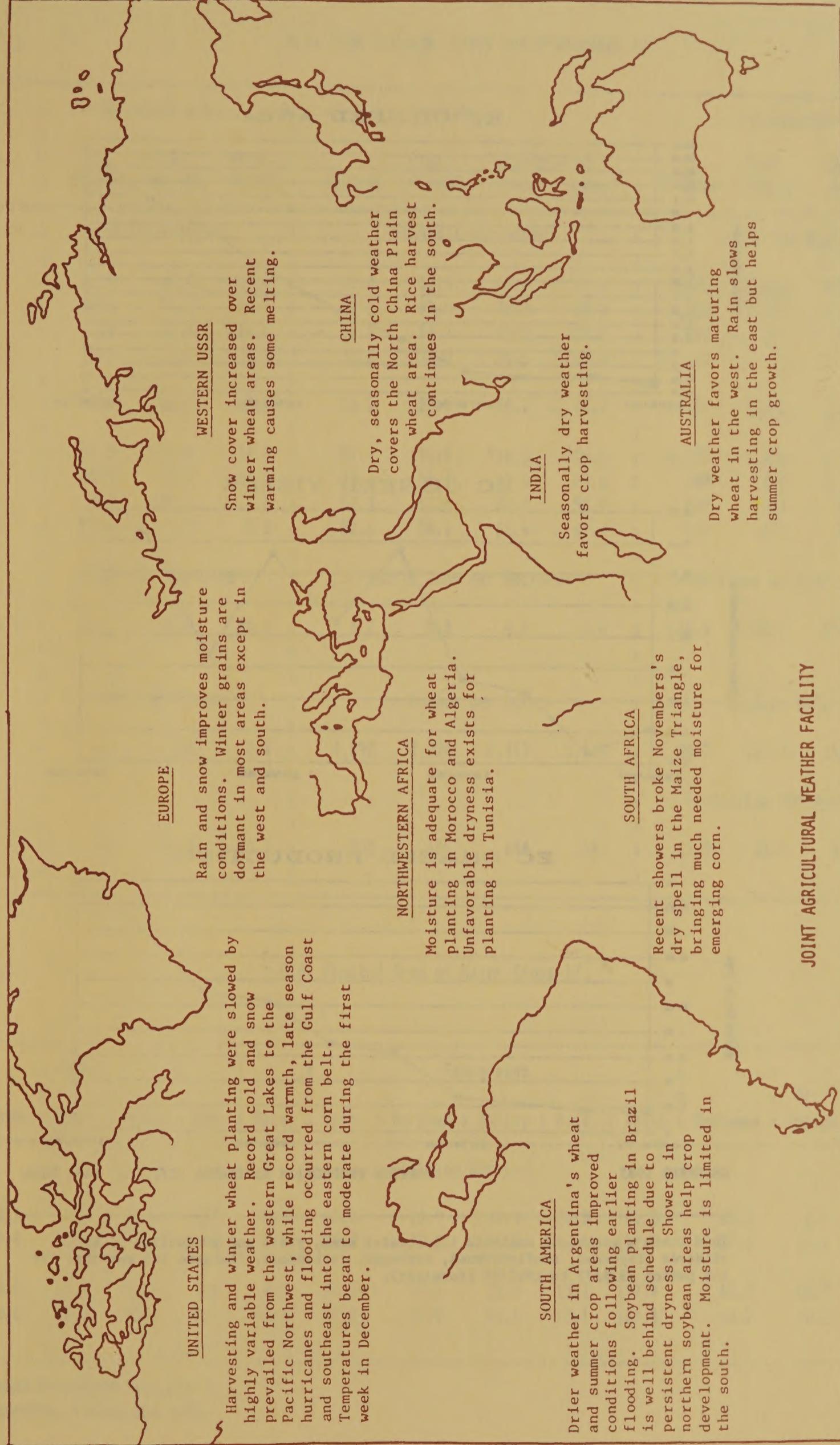
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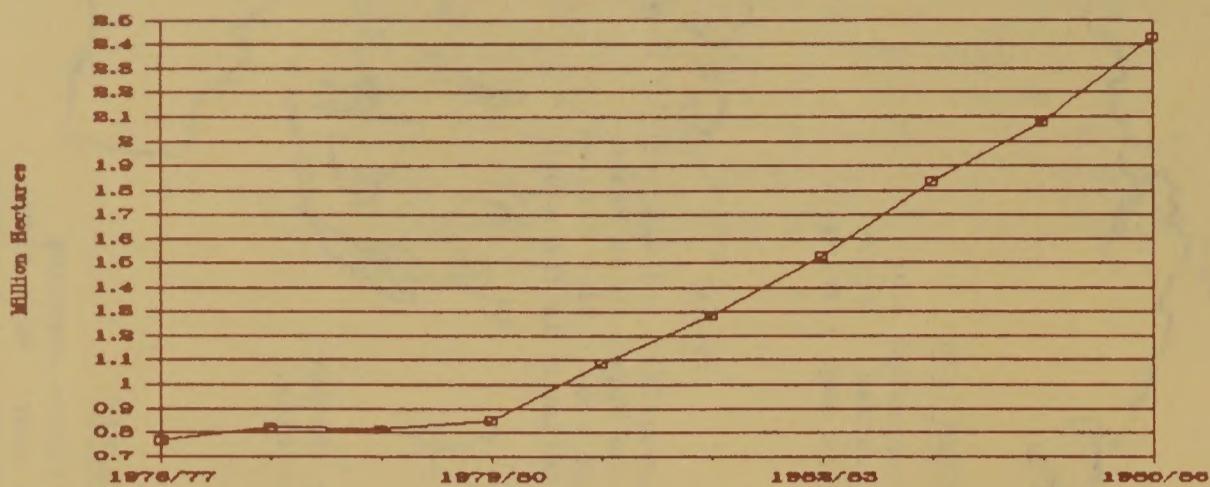
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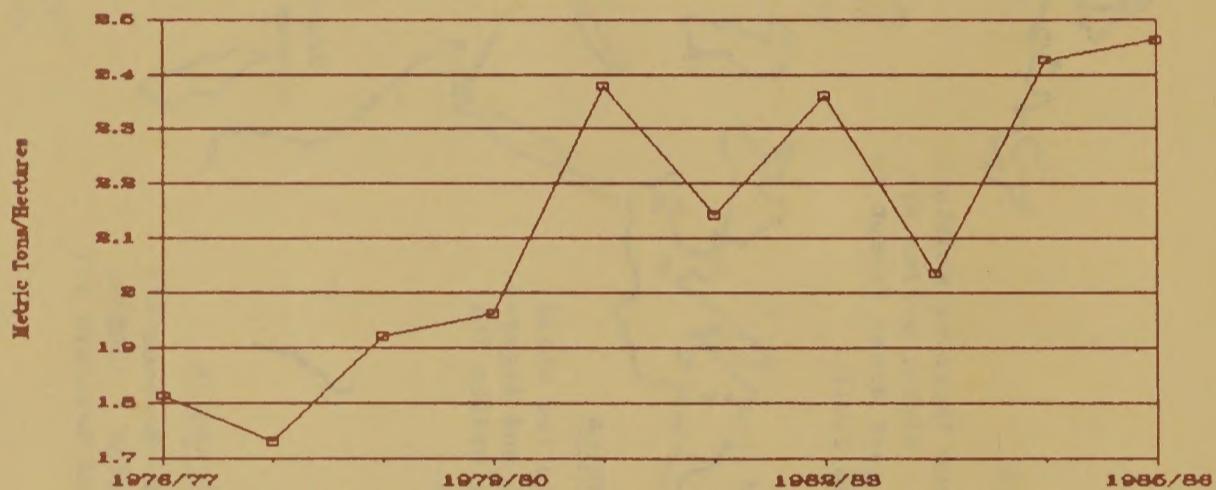


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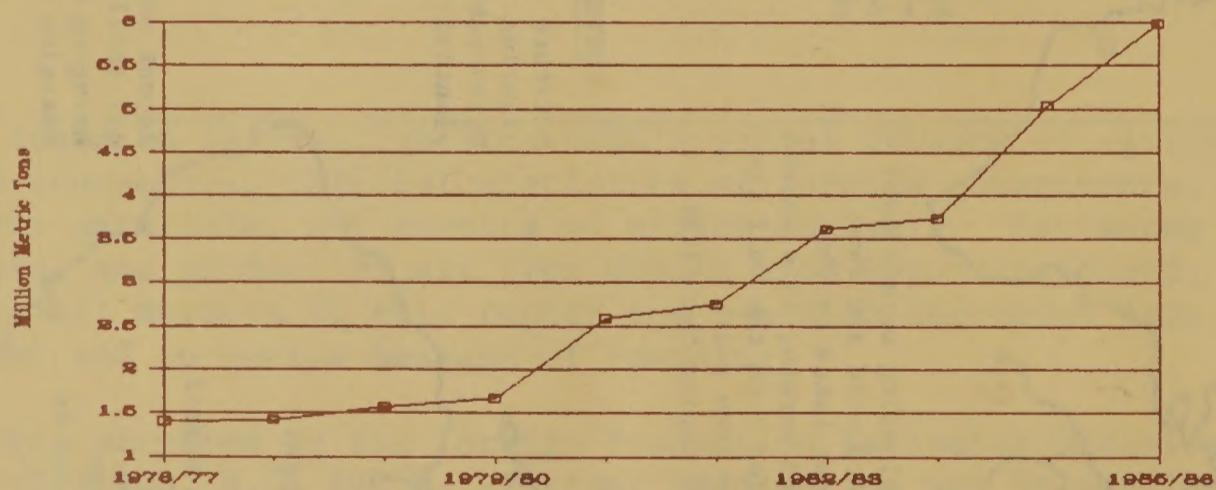
EC OILSEED AREA



EC OILSEED YIELDS



EC OILSEED PRODUCTION



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This month's graphical analysis illustrates area, yield and production of EC oilseeds (rapeseed, sunflowerseed, soybeans, cottonseed, flaxseed and peanuts) for the period 1976/77 to 1985/86 (forecast).

U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production 1/

Commodity	--Harvested Area--			--Yield--				--Production--			
	Prel.	Proj.	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	Prel.	1985/86	Proj.	Prel.	1984/85	1985/86
All Wheat	61.4	66.9	64.6	39.4	38.8	37.4	37.4	2,420	2,595	2,419	2,419
Winter	47.6	51.5	48.1	41.8	40.0	38.2	38.2	1,988	2,061	1,839	1,839
Other	13.8	15.4	16.5	31.3	34.7	35.2	35.2	432	535	580	580
Rye	0.9	1.0	0.7	30.3	33.0	28.5	28.5	27	32	19	19
Soybeans	62.5	66.1	62.2	26.2	28.1	34.2	34.2	1,636	1,861	2,129	2,129
Corn	51.5	71.8	74.8	81.1	106.6	116.6	116.6	4,175	7,656	8,717	8,717
Sorghum	10.0	15.3	16.2	48.7	56.4	69.6	69.6	488	866	1,127	1,127
Barley	9.7	11.2	11.8	52.3	53.4	50.9	50.9	509	597	599	599
Oats	9.1	8.1	8.8	52.6	58.1	61.4	61.4	477	472	537	537
			--Bushels per Acre--				--Million Bushels--				

World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total	North America	Europe	South America	Asia	Selected Other Countries	All Other	USSR											
									Eastern Europe	China	India	Indonesia	Pakistan	Thailand	Argentina	Brazil	Australia	Turkey	Countries	
Wheat																				
1983/84	491.0	425.1	65.9	26.6	3.2	59.2	8.8	35.4	79.0	81.4	42.8	0	12.4	0	12.8	2.1	22.0	1.8	13.3	24.3
1984/85 prel.	513.9	443.2	70.6	21.2	4.2	76.6	10.8	41.6	73.0	87.8	45.1	0	10.9	0	13.2	1.9	18.3	2.2	13.3	23.1
1985/86 proj.	506.3	440.5	65.8	22.0	4.4	67.0	9.8	37.5	83.0	86.0	45.0	0	11.6	0	12.3	3.5	16.5	2.0	12.7	27.2
November	505.2	439.4	65.8	23.9	4.4	66.8	9.8	37.1	83.0	86.0	45.0	0	11.6	0	10.0	3.8	16.5	1.8	12.7	27.1
December																				
Coarse Grains																				
1983/84	685.3	548.2	137.1	21.0	13.8	63.9	22.1	67.1	99.0	92.7	34.1	5.1	1.6	4.2	17.4	21.5	9.4	5.1	7.7	62.4
1984/85 prel.	808.3	571.2	237.1	21.9	14.5	75.0	28.7	73.6	86.0	96.4	31.3	5.4	1.7	4.7	19.1	22.3	8.5	8.5	8.3	65.4
1985/86 proj.	844.1	572.7	271.4	23.5	14.6	72.0	28.7	66.4	94.0	88.2	32.0	5.1	1.7	5.6	18.9	22.1	7.8	8.9	8.5	74.9
November	845.0	573.6	271.4	24.6	14.6	72.1	29.0	66.7	94.0	88.2	32.0	5.1	1.7	5.6	18.3	21.1	8.4	8.9	8.5	74.9
December																				
Rice (Milled)																				
1983/84	307.7	304.5	3.2	0	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	118.2	59.8	24.0	3.3	12.9	0.3	6.1	0.5	0	0.2	76.0
1984/85 prel.	319.3	315.0	4.3	0	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	124.8	59.5	25.8	3.5	12.0	0.3	6.1	0.6	0	0.2	78.8
1985/86 proj.	316.4	312.1	4.2	0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	120.4	60.0	26.2	3.4	12.4	0.3	6.3	0.5	0	0.2	78.9
November	317.3	313.0	4.2	0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	120.4	60.0	26.3	3.2	13.0	0.3	6.1	0.5	0	0.2	79.4
December																				
Total Grains 1/																				
1983/84	1,484.0	1,277.8	206.2	47.6	17.3	123.9	31.2	102.6	179.8 1/	292.2	136.6	29.1	17.4	17.1	30.5	29.7	31.8	6.9	21.2	162.8
1984/85 prel.	1,641.5	1,329.4	312.1	43.1	18.9	152.3	39.9	115.4	160.8 1/	309.0	135.9	31.2	16.7	32.5	30.3	27.4	10.7	21.8	21.8	167.3
1985/86 proj.	1,666.8	1,325.3	341.4	45.5	19.4	139.8	39.0	104.0	178.8 1/	294.6	137.0	31.3	16.7	17.9	31.5	24.8	10.8	21.3	21.3	181.0
November	1,667.4	1,326.0	341.4	48.5	19.4	139.7	39.2	103.9	178.8 1/	294.6	137.0	31.4	16.5	18.6	31.0	25.5	10.7	21.3	21.3	181.3
December																				
Oilseeds 2/																				
1983/84	164.8	114.4	50.4	3.9	1.1	3.7	1.4	4.0	10.7	27.2	13.8	1.4	1.3	0.4	10.5	16.4	0.6	0.4	1.6	16.0
1984/85 prel.	188.1	128.9	59.2	5.1	1.1	5.0	1.7	4.8	10.0	31.0	14.4	1.5	2.4	0.4	11.0	19.2	0.8	0.6	1.7	18.2
1985/86 proj.	196.5	128.9	66.6	5.2	1.1	5.9	1.6	4.6	11.0	31.2	13.5	1.6	2.2	0.5	11.4	17.9	0.8	0.8	1.7	19.0
November	196.7	130.1	66.6	5.4	1.1	6.0	1.6	4.6	10.9	31.2	13.6	1.6	2.2	0.5	11.6	17.6	0.8	0.8	1.7	18.9
December																				
Cotton																				
1983/84	67.6	59.8	7.8	0	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	12.1	21.3	6.1	0	2.2	0.2	0.8	2.6	0.6	0.2	2.4	9.6
1984/85 prel.	87.2	74.3	13.0	0	1.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	11.9	28.7	7.9	0	4.6	0.1	0.7	4.2	1.1	0.2	2.7	9.9
1985/86 proj.	81.7	67.8	13.9	0	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.1	12.5	24.0	7.2	0	4.3	0.1	0.7	3.2	0.9	0.3	2.4	10.3
November	81.1	67.3	13.8	0	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.1	12.3	24.0	7.2	0	4.3	0.1	0.7	3.0	0.8	0.3	2.4	10.2
December																				
--Million 480-Pound Bales--																				
Cotton																				

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 190 mil. tons in 1983/84, 170 mil. in 1984/85, and 190 mil. forecast in 1985/86.
 2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.
 Note: Entries of '0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel. Proj.			1985/86 Proj.				Prel. 1985/86 Proj.			
	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.
	: ---Million Hectares---				: ---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				: ---Million Metric Tons---		
World	229.1	231.1	230.0	2.14	2.22	2.20	2.20	491.0	513.9	506.3	505.2
United States	24.8	27.1	26.1	2.65	2.61	2.52	2.52	65.9	70.6	65.8	65.8
Total Foreign	204.2	204.1	203.8	2.08	2.17	2.16	2.16	425.1	443.2	440.5	439.4
Maj. Foreign Exporters	46.7	44.8	44.0	2.58	2.89	2.64	2.66	120.5	129.3	117.8	117.2
Argentina	6.9	6.0	5.2	1.85	2.22	2.18	1.92	12.8	13.2	12.3	10.0
Australia	12.9	12.0	12.0	1.70	1.52	1.38	1.38	22.0	18.3	16.5	16.5
Canada	13.7	13.2	13.7	1.94	1.61	1.60	1.74	26.6	21.2	22.0	23.9
EC-10	13.1	13.6	13.1	4.50	5.61	5.09	5.09	59.2	76.6	67.0	66.8
Major Importers	97.1	98.2	98.1	2.10	2.15	2.22	2.22	204.1	210.9	217.8	217.7
Brazil	1.9	1.8	2.6	1.11	1.09	1.40	1.46	2.1	1.9	3.5	3.8
China	29.1	29.6	29.4	2.80	2.97	2.93	2.93	81.4	87.8	86.0	86.0
Eastern Europe	10.0	10.2	9.8	3.55	4.09	3.84	3.80	35.4	41.6	37.5	37.1
Egypt	0.6	0.5	0.5	3.50	3.70	4.01	4.01	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0
Other N. Africa *	4.6	4.9	5.4	0.76	0.82	0.92	0.92	3.5	4.0	5.0	5.0
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.03	3.19	3.74	3.74	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
USSR	50.8	51.1	50.2	1.56	1.43	1.65	1.65	79.0	73.0	83.0	83.0
Other Foreign	60.5	61.1	61.8	1.66	1.69	1.70	1.69	100.5	103.0	104.8	104.5
India	23.6	24.4	24.4	1.82	1.85	1.84	1.84	42.8	45.1	45.0	45.0
Iran	5.5	5.7	5.7	0.95	0.80	0.88	0.88	5.2	4.5	5.0	5.0
Mexico	0.8	1.0	1.1	3.81	4.42	4.19	4.19	3.2	4.2	4.4	4.4
Non-EC W. Europe	3.9	3.5	3.2	2.28	3.12	3.07	3.07	8.8	10.8	9.8	9.8
Pakistan	7.4	7.3	7.4	1.68	1.48	1.57	1.57	12.4	10.9	11.6	11.6
South Africa	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.00	1.16	1.05	0.96	1.8	2.2	2.0	1.8
Turkey	8.7	8.6	8.6	1.53	1.55	1.48	1.48	13.3	13.3	12.7	12.7
Others	8.8	8.7	9.6	1.47	1.37	1.50	1.49	12.9	12.0	14.4	14.3

* Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.	1983/84	Prel.	1985/86	Proj.	1983/84	Proj.	1985/86	Nov.	Dec.
	1984/85	1985/86	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	333.8	340.7	343.7	2.05	2.37	2.45	2.46	685.3	808.3	844.1	845.0
United States	32.9	43.5	45.4	4.17	5.45	5.98	5.98	137.1	237.1	271.4	271.4
Total Foreign	301.0	297.2	298.3	1.82	1.92	1.92	1.92	548.2	571.2	572.7	573.6
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.6	26.6	26.9	2.15	2.35	2.40	2.44	57.1	62.6	64.6	65.7
Argentina	6.2	6.1	5.7	2.82	3.10	3.23	3.21	17.4	19.1	18.9	18.3
Australia	5.8	5.4	5.6	1.63	1.56	1.42	1.51	9.4	8.5	7.8	8.4
Canada	7.8	8.0	8.4	2.70	2.73	2.79	2.91	21.0	21.9	23.5	24.6
South Africa	4.8	4.8	4.7	1.06	1.77	1.88	1.88	5.1	8.5	8.9	8.9
Thailand	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.00	2.12	2.27	2.27	4.2	4.7	5.6	5.6
Major Importers	112.2	109.9	109.0	2.38	2.54	2.54	2.55	267.5	279.5	277.1	277.9
Eastern Europe	18.9	18.8	19.0	3.55	3.91	3.49	3.51	67.1	73.6	66.4	66.7
EC-10	14.4	14.1	14.2	4.45	5.31	5.07	5.10	63.9	75.0	72.0	72.1
Other W. Europe	8.9	9.2	9.6	2.49	3.11	2.99	3.01	22.1	28.7	28.7	29.0
Mexico	8.3	8.0	8.0	1.67	1.82	1.83	1.83	13.8	14.5	14.6	14.6
USSR	61.2	59.2	57.8	1.62	1.45	1.63	1.63	99.0	86.0	94.0	94.0
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.5	0.6	0.5	2.82	2.84	2.99	2.99	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4
Other Foreign	162.2	160.7	162.3	1.38	1.43	1.42	1.42	223.6	229.1	231.0	230.0
Brazil	13.1	12.3	12.7	1.65	1.81	1.71	1.66	21.5	22.3	22.1	21.1
China	29.6	29.0	28.0	3.13	3.32	3.15	3.15	92.7	96.4	88.2	88.2
India	41.7	41.3	41.3	0.82	0.76	0.77	0.77	34.1	31.3	32.0	32.0
Indonesia	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.69	1.77	1.73	1.73	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.1
Nigeria	12.7	13.0	13.3	0.52	0.67	0.75	0.75	6.6	8.7	10.0	10.0
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.02	1.04	1.04	1.04	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Turkey	4.0	4.1	4.2	1.92	2.03	2.02	2.02	7.7	8.3	8.5	8.5
Others	54.9	54.6	56.7	0.96	0.98	1.09	1.09	52.6	53.3	61.8	61.8
BARLEY											
World	80.1	79.0	79.5	2.11	2.19	2.24	2.25	168.9	173.4	178.2	179.2
United States	3.9	4.5	4.8	2.81	2.87	2.74	2.74	11.1	13.0	13.0	13.0
Total Foreign	76.2	74.5	74.8	2.07	2.15	2.21	2.22	157.9	160.4	165.2	166.2
Australia	3.1	3.5	3.5	1.57	1.59	1.32	1.44	4.9	5.6	4.5	5.0
Canada	4.4	4.6	4.9	2.37	2.25	2.34	2.49	10.3	10.3	11.5	12.3
China	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.70	2.20	2.24	2.24	6.9	5.6	5.7	5.7
Eastern Europe	4.4	4.5	4.7	3.46	4.03	3.60	3.58	15.4	18.1	16.7	16.6
EC-10	8.9	8.5	8.5	4.08	5.20	4.86	4.84	36.1	44.4	41.2	41.0
Other W. Europe	5.6	5.8	6.1	2.29	2.96	2.78	2.78	12.8	17.2	17.0	17.0
Turkey	2.9	3.0	3.1	1.86	2.00	1.90	1.90	5.4	6.0	5.9	5.9
USSR	31.7	30.5	28.9	1.70	1.38	1.67	1.67	54.0	42.1	48.2	48.2
Others	12.6	11.6	12.6	0.95	0.97	1.15	1.15	12.0	11.2	14.4	14.4

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
				Prel.		1985/86	1985/86	Prel.		1985/86	1985/86
	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.
CORN	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	119.0	127.3	129.0	2.91	3.57	3.67	3.68	345.7	454.6	475.5	474.6
United States	20.8	29.1	30.3	5.09	6.69	7.32	7.32	106.0	194.5	221.4	221.4
Total Foreign	98.2	98.2	98.8	2.44	2.65	2.56	2.56	239.7	260.1	254.1	253.2
Maj. Foreign Exporters	8.9	9.2	9.3	1.98	2.60	2.72	2.69	17.5	23.9	26.1	25.0
Argentina	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.04	3.58	3.58	3.58	9.2	12.0	12.9	11.8
South Africa	4.0	3.9	3.8	1.11	1.94	2.09	2.09	4.4	7.6	8.0	8.0
Thailand	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.11	2.23	2.40	2.40	4.0	4.4	5.2	5.2
Major Importers	21.6	21.6	22.1	3.64	3.85	3.61	3.66	78.4	82.9	79.9	81.0
Eastern Europe	7.2	7.2	7.6	4.64	4.90	4.11	4.18	33.4	35.2	31.1	31.6
EC-10	3.0	3.1	3.2	6.56	6.55	6.43	6.59	19.6	20.2	20.5	20.9
Other W. Europe	0.9	1.0	1.1	4.28	4.75	5.03	5.26	3.8	4.7	5.4	5.6
Mexico	6.5	6.3	6.2	1.43	1.57	1.61	1.61	9.3	9.9	10.0	10.0
USSR	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.08	3.21	3.13	3.13	12.0	12.5	12.5	12.5
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.68	3.90	4.04	4.04	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Foreign	67.7	67.5	67.4	2.12	2.27	2.19	2.18	143.7	153.3	148.1	147.2
Brazil	12.7	12.0	12.3	1.65	1.82	1.72	1.67	21.0	21.8	21.5	20.5
Canada	1.1	1.2	1.2	5.52	5.89	6.08	6.17	5.9	7.0	7.3	7.4
China	18.8	18.5	17.6	3.62	3.96	3.75	3.75	68.2	73.4	66.0	66.0
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.9	4.64	4.64	4.88	4.88	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.2
India	5.9	5.8	5.8	1.35	1.24	1.29	1.29	7.9	7.2	7.5	7.5
Indonesia	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.69	1.77	1.73	1.73	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.1
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.02	1.04	1.04	1.04	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Zimbabwe	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.95	2.07	1.43	1.43	1.3	3.0	2.0	2.0
Others	20.9	21.3	22.0	1.32	1.32	1.41	1.41	27.5	28.3	31.2	31.2
SORGHUM											
World	45.8	47.3	48.1	1.29	1.41	1.57	1.57	58.8	66.6	75.1	75.6
United States	4.0	6.2	6.5	3.06	3.54	4.37	4.37	12.4	22.0	28.6	28.6
Total Foreign	41.7	41.1	41.6	1.11	1.09	1.12	1.13	46.4	44.6	46.4	46.9
Argentina	2.4	2.0	1.7	3.04	2.97	3.33	3.33	7.2	5.9	5.0	5.5
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.58	1.76	1.92	1.92	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.5
China	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.09	3.16	3.01	3.01	8.4	8.2	7.7	7.7
India	16.3	16.3	16.3	0.73	0.70	0.71	0.71	11.9	11.3	11.5	11.5
Mexico	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.86	3.15	2.93	2.93	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1
Nigeria	5.9	6.0	6.0	0.45	0.62	0.67	0.67	2.7	3.7	4.0	4.0
South Africa	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.68	2.03	1.85	1.85	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Sudan	3.6	3.2	3.6	0.51	0.38	0.75	0.75	1.8	1.2	2.7	2.7
Thailand	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.19	1.35	1.33	1.33	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Others	8.2	8.5	8.7	0.95	0.94	1.03	1.03	7.8	7.9	9.0	9.0

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.

2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area		Yield		Production		Milling Rate		Production		
	1983/84	1984/85	Proj.	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86 Proj.	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86 Proj.	1983/84	1984/85
---Metric Hectares---											
World	143.9	143.9	143.5	3.14	3.26	3.23	3.25	452.3	468.9	465.1	466.0
United States	0.9	1.1	1.0	5.15	5.52	6.07	6.07	4.5	6.2	6.0	6.0
Total Foreign	143.1	142.8	142.5	3.13	3.24	3.21	3.23	447.7	462.7	459.1	460.0
Maj. Foreign Exporters	16.3	16.0	15.6	2.39	2.35	2.35	2.50	38.9	38.4	39.1	39.1
Burma	4.7	4.7	4.7	3.08	3.15	3.09	3.09	14.4	14.8	14.5	14.5
Pakistan	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.51	2.57	2.50	2.50	5.0	5.2	5.1	4.8
Thailand	9.6	9.3	9.0	2.04	1.96	1.96	2.19	19.5	18.3	18.8	19.8
Major Importers	12.0	12.4	12.7	3.95	4.11	4.09	4.10	47.6	51.1	51.8	52.0
EC-10	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.59	5.64	5.79	5.77	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other W. Europe	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.90	5.54	5.79	5.79	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6
Indonesia	9.2	9.5	9.5	3.85	4.02	4.04	4.05	35.3	38.0	38.5	38.7
Nigeria	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.03	2.02	2.04	2.04	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.20	6.47	6.37	6.35	7.6	8.0	7.9	7.9
Other Maj. Import.	0.7	0.8	0.9	2.57	2.59	2.44	2.44	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2
Other Foreign	114.7	114.3	114.2	3.15	3.27	3.23	3.23	361.2	373.4	368.9	369.0
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.31	6.81	6.67	6.67	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.7
Bangladesh	10.5	10.2	10.7	2.06	2.15	2.10	2.10	21.8	22.0	22.5	22.0
Brazil	5.5	5.0	5.2	1.64	1.80	1.77	1.73	9.0	9.2	9.0	9.0
China	33.1	33.2	32.1	5.10	5.37	5.36	5.36	168.9	178.3	172.3	172.0
India	41.0	41.2	41.2	2.19	2.17	2.18	2.18	89.7	89.3	90.0	90.0
Japan	2.3	2.3	2.4	5.70	6.41	6.28	6.28	13.0	14.8	14.8	14.8
Philippines	3.1	3.3	3.4	2.50	2.49	2.49	2.49	7.8	8.2	8.5	8.5
USSR	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.86	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
Vietnam	5.6	5.7	5.7	2.63	2.72	2.63	2.63	14.7	15.4	15.0	15.0
Others	12.7	12.6	12.8	2.60	2.60	2.62	2.64	33.0	33.4	33.7	33.7

* Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Cotton Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1985/86	Proj.	Prel.	1985/86	Proj.	Prel.	1985/86
	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.
	---Million Hectares---				---Kilograms Per Hectare---				---Million 480-Pound Bales---		
World	31.3	34.3	33.1	470	554	534	534	67.6	87.2	81.7	81.1
United States	3.0	4.2	4.2	569	673	722	719	7.8	13.0	13.9	13.8
Total Foreign	28.3	30.1	28.9	460	538	507	508	59.8	74.3	67.8	67.3
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.5	14.8	13.5	697	789	777	779	43.3	53.7	48.7	48.4
Australia	0.1	0.2	0.2	1030	1452	1095	1089	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.8
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2	0.2	764	737	786	786	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
China	6.1	6.9	6.0	763	903	871	871	21.3	28.7	24.0	24.0
Egypt	0.4	0.4	0.4	991	965	1044	1044	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.1
Mexico	0.2	0.3	0.2	890	844	871	871	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.8
Pakistan	2.2	2.3	2.2	214	431	426	426	2.2	4.6	4.3	4.3
Sudan	0.4	0.4	0.4	549	546	517	517	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
Turkey	0.6	0.7	0.6	850	781	843	843	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.4
USSR	3.2	3.3	3.3	823	773	800	810	12.1	11.9	12.5	12.3
Major Importers 2/	0.3	0.3	0.3	707	701	730	730	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.2
Other Foreign	14.5	14.9	15.0	235	285	258	257	15.7	19.6	18.0	17.7
Argentina	0.5	0.5	0.4	376	356	354	354	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Brazil	2.0	2.4	2.0	282	389	332	333	2.6	4.2	3.2	3.0
India	7.8	7.5	8.0	171	230	196	196	6.1	7.9	7.2	7.2
Syria	0.2	0.2	0.2	1099	913	1057	1057	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Others	4.2	4.5	4.4	280	292	295	295	5.3	6.0	6.0	6.0

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.

2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---				
	Prel.		Proj.	Prel.		1985/86 Proj.	Prel.		1985/86 Proj.	Prel.		
	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	
	---Million Hectares---				---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS												
World	50.57	52.71	51.99	1.63	1.73	1.90	1.90	82.56	91.12	98.39	98.78	
United States	25.30	26.76	25.18	1.76	1.89	2.30	2.30	44.52	50.64	57.94	57.94	
Total Foreign	25.27	25.95	26.81	1.51	1.56	1.52	1.52	38.04	40.48	40.45	40.84	
Maj. Foreign Exporters	12.23	12.87	12.75	1.82	1.84	1.85	1.84	22.20	23.70	23.40	23.50	
Argentina	2.91	3.27	3.35	2.41	1.99	2.15	2.18	7.00	6.50	7.00	7.30	
Brazil	9.32	9.60	9.40	1.63	1.79	1.74	1.72	15.20	17.20	16.40	16.20	
Other Foreign	13.04	13.08	14.06	1.22	1.28	1.22	1.23	15.84	16.78	17.05	17.34	
Canada	0.36	0.42	0.43	2.02	2.24	2.35	2.47	0.74	0.93	1.00	1.05	
China	7.57	7.29	7.80	1.29	1.33	1.22	1.22	9.76	9.70	9.50	9.50	
Eastern Europe	0.48	0.52	0.50	1.27	1.49	1.15	1.20	0.61	0.78	0.58	0.60	
India	0.81	0.90	1.10	0.72	0.83	0.85	0.91	0.58	0.75	0.85	1.00	
Indonesia	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.63	0.74	0.83	0.83	
Mexico	0.35	0.35	0.37	1.71	1.57	1.89	1.89	0.60	0.55	0.70	0.70	
Paraguay	0.42	0.47	0.49	1.31	1.60	1.53	1.53	0.55	0.75	0.75	0.75	
USSR	0.84	0.77	0.78	0.67	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.56	0.47	0.48	0.48	
Others	1.45	1.53	1.70	1.25	1.37	1.41	1.43	1.82	2.10	2.37	2.43	
COTTONSEED												
World	31.28	34.27	33.06	0.83	0.98	0.94	0.95	26.10	33.55	31.48	31.27	
United States	2.97	4.20	4.18	0.94	1.11	1.19	1.19	2.79	4.67	5.00	4.98	
Total Foreign	28.31	30.07	28.88	0.82	0.96	0.91	0.91	23.31	28.88	26.48	26.29	
China	6.08	6.92	6.00	1.30	1.54	1.48	1.48	7.88	10.63	8.88	8.88	
India	7.77	7.50	8.00	0.34	0.46	0.39	0.39	2.65	3.45	3.13	3.13	
Pakistan	2.22	2.34	2.20	0.46	0.86	0.85	0.85	1.02	2.01	1.87	1.87	
USSR	3.19	3.35	3.31	1.51	1.42	1.49	1.50	4.82	4.76	5.05	4.97	
Others	9.05	9.97	9.37	0.77	0.81	0.79	0.79	6.94	8.03	7.55	7.44	
PEANUTS												
World	17.83	17.96	18.57	1.04	1.10	1.06	1.06	18.60	19.76	19.80	19.71	
United States	0.56	0.62	0.59	2.69	3.22	3.25	3.25	1.50	2.00	1.92	1.92	
Total Foreign	17.27	17.34	17.98	0.99	1.02	0.99	0.99	17.10	17.76	17.88	17.80	
Brazil	0.15	0.21	0.21	1.47	1.55	1.29	1.29	0.22	0.33	0.27	0.27	
China	2.20	2.42	3.40	1.80	1.99	1.65	1.65	3.95	4.82	5.60	5.60	
India	7.64	7.50	7.20	0.95	0.87	0.78	0.78	7.28	6.50	5.60	5.60	
Senegal	0.97	0.88	0.75	0.58	0.77	0.74	0.79	0.56	0.67	0.65	0.59	
South Africa	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.30	0.85	1.15	1.15	0.07	0.20	0.28	0.28	
Sudan	0.77	0.74	0.74	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.41	0.39	0.39	0.39	
Others	5.31	5.37	5.44	0.87	0.91	0.94	0.93	4.60	4.86	5.10	5.07	

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Dilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1985/86 Proj.		Prel.	1985/86 Proj.			
	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	1983/84	1984/85	Nov.	Dec.	
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SUNFLOWERSEED											
World	13.20	14.01	14.49	1.17	1.27	1.28	1.28	15.42	17.76	18.51	18.55
United States	1.24	1.49	1.19	1.17	1.14	1.28	1.28	1.45	1.70	1.53	1.53
Total Foreign	11.96	12.51	13.30	1.17	1.28	1.28	1.28	13.97	16.06	16.99	17.02
Argentina	1.99	2.35	2.65	1.11	1.45	1.21	1.21	2.20	3.40	3.20	3.20
China	0.73	0.78	0.93	1.83	2.06	1.82	1.82	1.34	1.60	1.70	1.70
EC-10	0.50	0.60	0.73	2.00	1.98	2.28	2.28	0.99	1.19	1.66	1.66
East Europe	1.14	1.19	1.21	1.68	1.83	1.65	1.68	1.91	2.18	2.00	2.04
Spain	0.93	1.00	0.99	0.81	1.10	0.92	0.92	0.75	1.10	0.91	0.91
USSR	4.27	3.91	4.00	1.18	1.16	1.30	1.30	5.04	4.52	5.20	5.20
Others	2.42	2.68	2.79	0.72	0.77	0.83	0.83	1.74	2.06	2.31	2.31
RAPESEED											
World	12.61	13.53	14.68	1.13	1.24	1.25	1.26	14.24	16.73	18.36	18.56
Total Foreign	12.61	13.53	14.68	1.13	1.24	1.25	1.26	14.24	16.73	18.36	18.56
Canada	2.33	3.09	2.80	1.13	1.09	1.14	1.21	2.63	3.38	3.20	3.40
China	3.67	3.41	4.60	1.17	1.23	1.20	1.20	4.29	4.21	5.50	5.50
EC-10	1.10	1.17	1.26	2.22	2.94	2.88	2.88	2.44	3.43	3.64	3.64
East Europe	0.61	0.79	0.85	2.21	2.25	2.22	2.22	1.35	1.77	1.90	1.90
India	3.89	4.00	4.00	0.66	0.73	0.75	0.75	2.57	2.90	3.00	3.00
Others	1.00	1.07	1.16	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.97	1.04	1.12	1.12
FLAXSEED											
World	4.33	4.57	4.70	0.49	0.50	0.56	0.54	2.13	2.26	2.65	2.55
United States	0.24	0.22	0.26	0.74	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.18	0.18	0.22	0.22
Total Foreign	4.10	4.35	4.44	0.48	0.48	0.54	0.52	1.96	2.08	2.43	2.33
Argentina	0.77	0.67	0.73	0.86	0.75	0.87	0.75	0.66	0.50	0.65	0.55
Canada	0.43	0.72	0.74	1.04	0.96	1.22	1.22	0.45	0.69	0.90	0.90
India	1.47	1.50	1.50	0.30	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.44	0.48	0.47	0.47
USSR	1.17	1.16	1.16	0.22	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.26	0.23	0.23	0.23
Others	0.26	0.30	0.31	0.58	0.62	0.57	0.57	0.15	0.19	0.18	0.18
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	129.82	137.05	137.50	1.23	1.32	1.37	1.38	159.05	181.17	189.19	189.41
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.78	4.71	4.94	4.97
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.97	2.21	2.33	2.33
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	164.80	188.09	196.47	196.71
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.20	6.95	7.55	7.55

* Not included in total oilseeds.

Grains: Reliability of December World Crop Production Forecasts

Country/Region	: Standard Error of Estimates :			Ten Year Record of Difference					
	: from			Between December Forecast and Final					
	: Trend- 68% Confidence Level :			Estimate					
Country/Region	: Percent	: Quantity	: Average	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	: Number of Years 2/
	: (+ or -)	: Percent	: Average	: Smallest	: Largest	: Below	: Above		
								: Final	: Final
WHEAT		(MMT)		(Million Metric Tons)					
World	3.7	19	2.0	9	1	22	8	2	
United States	7.9	6	0.5	-	-	1	7	3	
Total Foreign	5.1	22	2.2	9	1	21	7	3	
Maj. Foreign Exporters	5.6	7	3.4	2	-	6	8	2	
Argentina	19.6	2	9.8	1	-	2	6	4	
Australia	23.7	4	9.8	2	-	5	8	2	
Canada	11.1	3	2.1	-	-	1	5	5	
European Comm. 3/	6.5	4	2.1	1	-	2	4	6	
Other Foreign									
Eastern Europe	9.2	3	2.6	1	-	2	5	5	
India	4.3	2	2.2	1	-	3	6	4	
USSR	17.5	16	5.3	8	2	12	5	5	
COARSE GRAINS									
World	5.2	40	1.6	9	2	22	7	3	
United States	6.7	18	2.0	6	1	10	9	1	
Total Foreign	2.8	16	1.9	8	3	28	6	4	
Maj. Foreign Exporters	8.1	5	6.6	4	1	9	2	8	
Argentina	14.8	3	14.7	3	1	4	6	4	
Australia	21.8	2	9.5	1	-	1	4	6	
Canada	9.4	2	2.3	1	-	2	6	4	
South Africa	44.4	3	36.5	2	-	7	5	5	
Thailand	12.8	1	2.5	-	-	-	5	2	
Other Foreign									
Brazil	10.8	3	9.4	3	1	4	6	4	
Eastern Europe	3.5	2	4.0	2	-	5	9	1	
European Comm. 3/	7.1	5	1.1	1	-	2	7	3	
USSR	19.2	17	5.6	7	2	12	6	4	

1/ Dash (-) represents less than 500,000 tons. 2/ May not add up to 10 if December estimate was the same as final.

3/ Ten year record of the difference between December forecast and the final estimate is based on

EC-9 estimates from 1975/76-1980/81 and EC-10 estimates from 1981/82-1984/85.

Note: Standard errors of the estimates are derived from 10 year production trends, 1975-1984; percent error is calculated at the mean. The 10 year record is based upon absolute differences from final estimates.

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